

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image quality assessment determination method, comprising:

providing a reference/test image, on a substrate, having at least a portion with an intended uniform optical density;

determining, with a color measuring device normally usable to determine spectral aspects of a reference/test image, a spatial uniformity of at least one of a transmittance or reflectance of the reference/test image; and

generating image spatial uniformity data based on the spatial uniformity of the at least one of the determined transmittance or reflectance; and

using the generated spatial uniformity data by at least one of operating a marking engine to modify image spatial uniformity, modifying a marking system that provided the reference/test image or processing an image-forming operation by the marking system that provided the reference/test image based on the generated spatial uniformity data.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated image spatial uniformity data comprises at least image reflectance and a corresponding position value.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the color measuring device is at least one of a spectrophotometer, a colorimeter, or a densitometer.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the substrate is a sheet upon which an image is formed.

7. (Previously Presented) A system for assessing and modifying the image uniformity of images produced by marking systems, having component parts capable of being assembled in the field, the system comprising:

an image measurement device capable of determining, as a function of position, at least one of transmittance or reflectance; and

a portable work station, capable of receiving and processing data from the image measurement device,

wherein said image measurement device is adapted to determine the spatial uniformity of the at least one of transmittance or reflectance of an image based on an assessment of at least one reference/test image, produced by a marking system, having at least one portion having an intended uniform optical density.

8. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein said image measurement device communicates the determined spatial uniformity to said portable work station; and

wherein said portable work station utilizes the determined spatial uniformity by at least one of operating a marking engine to modify image spatial uniformity, modifying a marking system that provided the reference/test image, or modifying subsequent image data.